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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Bill Grimshaw, who passed away on March 30, 2016 at the age of 77; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Grimshaw grew up near Belmont Avenue and Clifton Avenue in Chicago; his parents were Elmer Grimshaw and Violet Teppo Grimshaw; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Grimshaw attended Lane Tech and Lake View High Schools before serving in the United States Army in France; after returning to Chicago, he studied at Wright Junior College; in 1962, he entered the University of Chicago, where he earned a political science degree; while working at Chicago's main post office, he met Jacquelyne Lane, whom he married in 1964; in 1973, he and his wife moved to Greenwood, where they lived until 2009; and

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WHEREAS, After college, Bill Grimshaw taught political science at the Illinois Institute of Technology for 30 years; he was also a visiting associate professor at the University of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Grimshaw and his wife were instrumental in the election of Harold Washington, the city's first black

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1 mayor, in 1983; the Grimshaws and other campaign workers
2 studied precincts where voters had rejected other candidates
3 and targeted those areas with volunteers, campaign literature,
4 and appearances by future Mayor Washington; and

5 WHEREAS, Bill Grimshaw was the author of the 1995 book,
6 "Bitter Fruit: Black Politics and the Chicago Machine,
7 1931-1991", which is still regarded as a classic in the field
8 in Chicago politics; and

9 WHEREAS, Bill Grimshaw enjoyed breeding Rottweilers;
10 originally planning to sell them, he became so attached that he
11 could not bring himself to do so; they eventually found homes
12 for the dogs, except the matriarch, Jasper, and her strongest
13 puppy, Bruiser; he also enjoyed Haagen-Dazs Rocky Road ice
14 cream, reading the works of Raymond Chandler and Elmore
15 Leonard, talking politics at the Valois Restaurant, spending
16 summers at the Wisconsin Dells, and spending time with his
17 family; and

18 WHEREAS, Bill Grimshaw is survived by his wife, Jacquelyne;
19 his daughter, Kim Grimshaw Bolton; his son, Chris; his brother,
20 Alan; and four grandchildren; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his

1 family and friends, mourn the passing of Bill Grimshaw; and be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Bill Grimshaw as an expression of
5 our sympathy.